



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**PART 3: Love Beyond Measure**

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## START

We say Love First a lot at Tri County. We slap it on hoodies, t-shirts, and hats. We wear it around town and are quick to speak it from our lips. However, if Love First is simply a “slogan” then it’s worthless. We are called to put our love into action.

- Why do you think it is tempting to just say Love First and not put it into action?
- How have you put Love First into action this past week?
- How can we encourage each other to Love First when it comes to our enemies?

## READ

[Matthew 5:44](#) (NIV)

But I tell you, **love** your enemies and **pray** for those who persecute you

## THINK

Jesus continues to challenge our everyday thinking. Instead of hating our enemy He calls us to love and pray for our enemies. Prayer connects our hearts to God’s heart, and shapes our thinking to God’s thinking. It allows us to see others through God’s eyes, even our enemies.

- Who or what group of people do you need to love and pray for?
- How can you pray and love for your enemies?

Jesus teaches us that loving our enemies reflects God’s heart to others. That loving our enemies is contrary to what the world teaches about seeking revenge. Loving our enemies is hard. Loving our enemies can only be done through the strength and love God provides for us. Loving our enemies allows others to see Jesus radiating from us.

- What emotions do you feel when Jesus says to love your enemies?
- Does Jesus’s call to love our enemies apply to all enemies?
- How can loving our enemies help us to be complete in Christ?

## PRAY

Pray for that one person in your life that you would consider your enemy. Pray for their life, their relationship with God, and their relationship with you.

## ACT

This week, go the extra mile in loving your enemy. Pray for them and put love into action. Love First.

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**ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.**